



MC&FP FACT SHEET

Data



More than 126,000 military families include a member with special needs.



Family member can include a spouse, child or dependent adult, regardless of age, with a special medical need, and/or a child, birth through age 21, with a special educational need.

Additional Information

Exceptional Family Member Program

www.militaryonesource.mil/efmp

Standardizing the Exceptional Family Member Program

Background

The Department of Defense Office of Community Support for Military Families with Special Needs, or OSN, is focused on improving support for military families with special medical or educational needs through the development of policies and enhanced communication for the Exceptional Family Member Program. OSN works closely with federal and non-federal partners to identify and address gaps in services and information for military families with special needs.

Highlights

The Department is working toward standardizing the Exceptional Family Member Program across the military services in the three components of the program: identification/enrollment, assignment coordination and family support. Standardization will include:

- The same level of access to services regardless of military service affiliation and location
- Development of a uniform policy and procedures for implementation across the military services
- Development of a system for reporting and continuous monitoring of family needs and available resources

